

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A non-asbestos friction material includes a fibrous reinforcement, a friction modifier, a binder, and a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components.

5      The soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of  $\text{SiO}_2$  as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one kind of  $\text{CaO}$  and  $\text{MgO}$ , less than 10 wt% of at least one kind of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{ZrO}_2$ , and less than 2 wt% of at least one kind of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$  and  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ . Preferably, the soluble  
10     amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of the friction material. Preferably, the soluble amorphous substance is fibrous or granular.

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